

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Getting Ready for School**

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| Story Line | Lost sock, loose belt, tight necktie, Cola and milk  |
| Characters | Mom and son  |
| Story      | A boy while getting ready for school wears two socks on one foot and then asks her Mom for the other sock. Mom tells him to wear his belts and help him with his tie. When she goes to take socks for him, he switches cup of milk with cup of Cola. Mom gets fooled but when she discovers the two socks on one foot, she cannot help laughing, much to the chagrin of his son. |
| Props      | Two identical opaque cups, small milk carton/ bottle, cola can, (optional: school uniform type clothes, school bag)  |
| Run Time   | 5 minutes  |
| Key Items  | Beat1: Mom, socks, don't know<br>Beat2: belt, don't like, don't do that<br>Beat3: wear, loose<br>Beat4: tie, tight, still, now<br>Beat5: milk, drink, cola<br>Beat6: finished, good boy<br>Beat7: take off, laugh, foot  |

**Beat1: Mom, socks, don't know**

Enters a boy, half dressed in a school uniform. He has white shorts and shirt on. The shirt is only half tucked in. He is holding a belt in his hand and he is wearing only one sock.

(increasingly louder)  
BOY Mom, Mom, Mom

Enters Mom, stands behind quiet letting him call her few times. Mom is holding an empty cup and a small milk pack/ bottle. She puts the cup and the milk pack on the table.

MOM ***Yes?***

(raises the bare foot)  
BOY My socks?

(points to the clad then bare foot)  
MOM ***Only one sock! Where is the second sock?***

(shrugs)  
BOY I don't know.

MOM ***You should know.***

(shrugs)  
BOY I don't know.

MOM ***You don't know?***

(shrugs)  
BOY I don't know.

**Beat2: belt, don't like, don't do that**

Mom notices the belt in his hand.

MOM ***Your belt.***

BOY Oh belt?

Boy throws the belt away.

BOY I don't like this belt.

*(admonishes)*

MOM ***Don't do that.***

Mom picks up the belt and gives it to the boy.

**Repeat 2x**

The boy tries to throw the belt again but stops ...

BOY I don't like this belt.

*(hollers)*

MOM ***Don't.***

### **Beat3: wear, loose**

Mom takes the belt back.

*MOM Why? Why don't you like it?*

BOY This belt is loose.

Mom ignores his complaint, puts the belt around the boy's waist but does not buckle it. She tugs at the belt.

*MOM (tugging)*

*Wear the belt.*

Boy is defiant. Mom gets angrier and louder.

**Repeat 3x**

*BOY (shrugs)*

Ok, I will wear the belt.

Boy buckles the belt very loose. He tugs at the fastened belt and tucks in his tummy to make his point.

*BOY (tugging at the belt)*

It is loose.

Mom fastens the belt bit tighter but it is still loose.

*MOM Is it loose?*

**Repeat 3x**

BOY It is not loose. It is okay.

**Beat4: ti , tight, still, now**

Now, it's the turn of tie hanging loosely around Boy's neck.

MOM *(points)*  
***Your tie.***

BOY My tie?

MOM ***Yes, your tie.***

Mom goes near and tightens it.

BOY (chokes, coughs)

It is very tight.

Mom loosens the tie a little

MOM ***Is it okay, now?***

BOY No, it's still tight.

**Repeat 2x**

MOM ***Now?***

Boy moves the tie loop around his neck.

BOY Ok, now it is okay.

**Beat5: milk, drink, cola**

She pours the milk into glass. She offers the glass to the boy.

MOM *Milk for you.*

Boy remembers his sock.

BOY (backs away)

My socks.

Mom pushes the glass to Boy's mouth.

MOM *You drink your milk.*

**Repeat 3x**

MOM *(gives in)*

*Ok I will get the socks.*

Mom exits.

BOY (to the audience)

Milk - yuck. I don't like milk.

Boy spots and picks up a can of cola, chuckles, raises it.

BOY I like cola.

He pours some cola into another identical cup. Puts away the can and the cup with the milk. Dances, winks, puts his finger on lips and tells the audience ...

BOY Don't tell.

**Beat6: finish d, good boy**

Mom returns, holding the socks separately in two hands.

MOM ***Your socks***

(chest puffed, head high)

BOY Mom, I am drinking milk.

MOM ***Oh, ok - you are drinking milk!***

(smacks lips)

BOY Yes, I like milk.

***(puzzled)***

MOM ***You like milk?***

(smacks)

BOY I like milk.

She strokes his head affectionately.

MOM ***Good boy.***

**Repeat 3x**

Boy empties the cup, holds it upside down and bangs it on the table.

BOY Finished!

MOM ***Finished?***

(picks up the cup, shakes it upside down)

BOY Yes, finished.

**Beat7: take off, laugh, foot**

*MOM Now, take off your sock.*

Boy throws himself on the sofa, raises his clad foot.

*BOY You take off the sock.*

*MOM Ok, I will take off the sock.*

Mom takes the sock half off and discovers two socks on one foot! She holds up his foot with two socks.

*MOM Here are the two socks.*

She laughs uncontrollably, holds up Boy's foot and raises it, throwing him back on sofa again and again.

*BOY Don't laugh, Mom.*

**Repeat 3x**

*MOM (cups her mouth)*

*Ok, I will not laugh.*

He yanks his foot, massages his foot.

*BOY Ah, my foot. My foot.*

*MOM Give me your foot.*

He extends a foot. Mom puts on socks on one foot.

*MOM (points to another foot)*

*Give me your foot.*

Mom puts on socks on the other foot.

Boy puts on shoes, grabs the school bag and exits.

*BOY Bye, bye, Mom.*

**THE END**